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CHAPTER 4

Defenses To Sexual Assault Crimes

4.5 Alibi

A. Statutory Notice Requirements

Effective January 1, 2006, MCR 6.201(A)(1) was amended. As amended, the rule requires disclosure on request of the names and addresses of all witnesses a party may call at trial. The amendment to MCR 6.201(A)(1) potentially broadens the disclosure requirement because a party's duty to disclose is no longer limited to those witnesses the party *intends* to call at trial.

Replace the second sentence of the last full paragraph near the bottom of page 211 with the following language:

MCR 6.201(A)(1) mandates disclosure, upon request of a party, of the names and addresses of all lay and expert witnesses a party may call at trial.

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Defenses To Sexual Assault Crimes

4.10 Insanity, Guilty But Mentally Ill, Involuntary Intoxication, and Diminished Capacity

B. “Guilty But Mentally Ill”

1. Accepting Pleas of “Guilty But Mentally Ill”

Effective January 1, 2006, MCR 6.303 was amended. On page 232, replace the quoted text immediately before sub-subsection (2) with the following text:

*As amended,
effective
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“Before accepting a plea of guilty but mentally ill, the court must comply with the requirements of MCR 6.302. In addition to establishing a factual basis for the plea pursuant to MCR 6.302(D)(1) or (D)(2)(b), the court must examine the psychiatric reports prepared and hold a hearing that establishes support for a finding that the defendant was mentally ill at the time of the offense to which the plea is entered. The reports must be made a part of the record.” MCR 6.303.*

CHAPTER 5

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5.2 Interim Bond

A. Applicable Law

Replace the first sentence in the second paragraph on page 248 with the following language:

Where permitted by law, interim bond is allowed for both felony and misdemeanor cases in which a warrant has been issued. MCR 6.102(D).*

*As amended,
effective
January 1,
2006.

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5.3 Denying Bond

Insert the following language after the first sentence of the paragraph following the first set of bullets on page 250:

A custody hearing under MCR 6.106(G)(1) may be requested by either the defendant or the prosecutor.*

*MCR
6.106(G)(1), as
amended,
effective
January 1,
2006.

5.4 Procedures for Issuing Conditional Release Orders

B. Appointing Counsel for Defendant

1. Scope of Right to Appointed Counsel

Replace the second bullet near the bottom of page 251 with the following information:

- ♦ The court determines that it might sentence the defendant to a term of incarceration, even if suspended.*

*MCR
6.610(D)(2), as
amended,
effective
January 1,
2006.

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5.6 Contents of Conditional Release Orders

MCR 6.106(D)(2) was amended, effective January 1, 2006. Add the following new sub-subsection (m) to the quoted rule at the top of page 256 and reletter the remaining paragraphs accordingly:

“(m) comply with any condition limiting or prohibiting contact with any other named person or persons. If an order under this paragraph limiting or prohibiting contact with any other named person or persons is in conflict with another court order, the most restrictive provision of each order shall take precedence over the other court order until the conflict is resolved.”*

*MCR
6.106(D)
(2)(m), as
amended,
effective
January 1,
2006.

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5.10 Modification of Conditional Release Orders

A. Modification of Release Orders in Felony Cases

On page 260, replace the third bullet and its corresponding text with the following language:

- ♦ Unless the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that a defendant is likely to fail to appear at future proceedings or that a defendant is likely to be a danger to any other person or the community, MCR 6.004(C) requires the court to initiate modification of bond to allow pretrial release on personal recognizance in felony cases where the defendant has been incarcerated for a period of 180 days or more to answer for the same crime or a crime based on the same conduct or arising from the same criminal episode.*

*MCR 6.004(C), as amended, effective January 1, 2006.

B. Modification of Release Orders in Misdemeanor Cases

Add the following language to the text in the first bullet on page 261:

Release on personal recognizance is not required if “the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that the defendant is likely either to fail to appear for future proceedings or to present a danger to any other person or the community.” MCR 6.004(C), as amended, effective January 1, 2006.

Effective January 1, 2006, 2005 PA 184 eliminated MCL 780.815(2) and added four offenses to the list of “serious misdemeanors.” On page 261, delete the reference to MCL 780.815(2) and replace the third sentence in the second bullet (the list of serious misdemeanors) with the following text:

Serious misdemeanors are defined in MCL 780.811(1)(a) to include assault and battery (including domestic assault), aggravated assault (including aggravated domestic assault), entry without permission, fourth-degree child abuse, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, accosting and soliciting a child, using the internet or a computer to make a prohibited communication, intentionally aiming a firearm without malice, discharging a firearm intentionally aimed at a person (with and without injury), indecent exposure, stalking, injuring a worker in a work zone, leaving the scene of a personal injury accident, operating a vehicle or vessel while under the influence or while impaired (if the violation results in property damage, physical injury, or death), and selling or furnishing liquor to a minor (if the violation results in physical injury or death).

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5.11 Enforcement Proceedings After Warrantless Arrest for an Alleged Violation of a Release Condition

C. Hearing Procedures

Near the middle of page 264, replace the quoted text of MCR 6.106(I)(2)(a) with the following language:

“(a) The court must mail notice of any revocation order immediately to the defendant at the defendant’s last known address and, if forfeiture of bail or bond has been ordered, to anyone who posted bail or bond.”*

*MCR
6.106(I)(2)(a),
as amended,
effective
January 1,
2006.
Additional
amendments
made to MCR
6.106 are not
relevant here.

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5.12 Enforcement Proceedings Where the Defendant Has Not Been Arrested for the Alleged Violation

Near the bottom of page 266, replace the quoted text of MCR 6.106(I)(2)(a) with the following text:

*MCR
6.106(I)(2)(a),
as amended,
effective
January 1,
2006.
Additional
amendments
made to MCR
6.106 are not
relevant here.

“(a) The court must mail notice of any revocation order immediately to the defendant at the defendant’s last known address and, if forfeiture of bail or bond has been ordered, to anyone who posted bail or bond.”*

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5.13 Forfeiture of Bond Where Defendant Violates a Release Condition

Replace the two bullets at the top of page 268 with the following text:

- ♦ If the court revokes its release order and declares the bail money or the surety bond forfeited, it must mail notice of the revocation order immediately to the defendant at his or her last known address, and to any person who posted the defendant's bail or bond. MCR 6.106(I)(2)(a).*
- ♦ "If the defendant does not appear and surrender to the court within 28 days after the revocation date or does not within the period satisfy the court that there was compliance with the conditions of the release or that compliance was impossible through no fault of the defendant, the court may continue the revocation order and enter judgment for the state or local unit of government against the defendant and anyone who posted bail or bond for an amount not to exceed the full amount of the bail, or if a surety bond was posted an amount not to exceed the full amount of the surety bond, and costs of the court proceedings. If the amount of a forfeited surety bond is less than the full amount of the bail, the defendant shall continue to be liable to the court for the difference, unless otherwise ordered by the court." MCR 6.106(I)(2)(b).*

*As amended,
effective
January 1,
2006.

*As amended,
effective
January 1,
2006.

5.14 Discovery in Sexual Assault Cases

B. Discovery Rights

1. Generally

Effective January 1, 2006, MCR 6.201(B)(2) and (3) were amended. Replace the second and third bullets near the top of page 269 with the following text:

- ♦ Any police report and interrogation records concerning the case, except those portions of a report concerning a continuing investigation;
- ♦ Any written or recorded statements by a defendant, codefendant, or accomplice pertaining to the case, even if the person is not a prospective witness at trial;

MCR 6.201(A)(1)–(6) were also amended, effective January 1, 2006. Near the middle of page 269, replace the two-line introduction to the group of six bullets and the text of all six bullets with the following text:

Discovery applies to all parties in felony cases. Under MCR 6.201(A)(1)–(6), a party must disclose to other parties, upon request, any of the following:

- ◆ The names and addresses of all lay and expert witnesses that may be called at trial, or in the alternative, a party may disclose the name of the witness and make the person available for interview by the opposing party. The witness list may be amended without leave of the court up to 28 days before trial.
- ◆ Any written or recorded statement concerning the case made by a lay witness who may be called at trial, except that a defendant is not required to disclose his or her own statement.
- ◆ The curriculum vitae of an expert witness who may be called at trial, and either a report by that expert or a written description of the substance of that expert's proposed testimony, the expert's opinion, and the information on which the expert's opinion is based.
- ◆ Any criminal record that may be used at trial to impeach a witness.
- ◆ For any witness who may be called at trial, a list or description of criminal convictions known to the defense attorney or the prosecuting attorney concerning that witness.
- ◆ A description of and an opportunity to inspect any tangible physical evidence, including any document, photograph, or other paper, that may be introduced at trial. On request, a party must provide copies of any document, photograph, or other paper. The party required to provide those copies may request a hearing on any question of the costs of reproduction. For good cause, a party may be given the opportunity to test, without destruction, any tangible physical evidence.

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B. Discovery Rights

1. Generally

Insert the following text after the July 2003 update to page 270:

Amendments to MCR 6.201, effective January 1, 2006, completely changed the language used in MCR 6.201(A)(3), the court rule at issue in *People v Phillips*, 468 Mich 583 (2003). As amended, MCR 6.201(A)(3) requires a party to disclose upon request

“the curriculum vitae of an expert the party may call at trial and either a report by the expert or a written description of the substance of the proposed testimony of the expert, the expert’s opinion, and the underlying basis of that opinion[.]”

The amended subrule now requires a party to provide an expert’s report or a written description of the expert’s proposed testimony. Implicit in the amended language is a party’s obligation to compose a written description of the substance of an expert’s proposed testimony if a report by the expert is not available. In addition to the expert’s report or a written description of the expert’s proposed testimony, a party must disclose the expert’s opinion and the basis for that opinion. Although a specific method is not indicated, the amended language of MCR 6.201(A)(3) also implies that the expert’s opinion and basis for the opinion must be disclosed to the requesting party.

C. Limitations on Discovery

1. Depositions and Pretrial Witness Interviews

Insert the following information at the beginning of sub-subsection (C)(1) on page 271:

As an alternative to the mandatory disclosure of a witness’ name and address, MCR 6.201(A)(1), as amended, permits a party to “provide the name of the witness and make the witness available to the other party for interview.”*

*Effective
January 1,
2006.

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D. Discovery Violations and Remedies

2. Remedies

Replace the second sentence of the first paragraph on page 279 with the following text:

*As amended,
effective
January 1,
2006.

Under MCR 6.201(J),* a court has the authority to order the offending party “to provide the discovery or permit the inspection of materials not previously disclosed, grant a continuance, prohibit the party from introducing in evidence the material not disclosed, or enter such other order as it deems just under the circumstances.”

Insert the following language before the last paragraph on page 279:

*Effective
January 1,
2006.

MCR 6.201(J)* “encourages” a party, at the earliest opportunity, to bring before the court any questions of noncompliance. A court has the authority to impose appropriate sanctions on counsel for a “[w]ilful violation by counsel of an applicable discovery rule or an order issued pursuant thereto[.]” *Id.* A court’s order entered under the provisions of MCR 6.201 may be reviewed only for an abuse of discretion. *Id.*

CHAPTER 6

Specialized Procedures Governing Preliminary Examinations and Trials

6.4 Speedy Trial Rights

A. Defendant's Right to Speedy Trial

1. Constitutional Right to Speedy Trial

Insert the following language at the end of the paragraph at the bottom of page 286:

“Whenever the defendant’s constitutional right to a speedy trial is violated, the defendant is entitled to dismissal of the charge with prejudice.” MCR 6.004(A), as amended, effective January 1, 2006.

CHAPTER 6

Specialized Procedures Governing Preliminary Examinations and Trials

6.4 Speedy Trial Rights

A. Defendant's Right to Speedy Trial

3. 180-Day Rule for Defendants Not in Custody of Department of Corrections

Near the top of page 288, change the title of the sub-subsection as indicated above and replace the first paragraph with the following text:

Unless the court determines, by clear and convincing evidence, that the defendant presents a danger to the community or any other person, or that the defendant is likely to fail to appear for future proceedings, MCR 6.004(C) requires that a defendant be released on personal recognizance after he or she has been incarcerated for a certain period of time.* Specifically, MCR 6.004(C) requires that a defendant in a **felony** case be released on personal recognizance after being incarcerated for 180 days or more (to answer for the same crime, a crime based on the same conduct, or a crime arising from the same criminal episode). *Id.* In a **misdemeanor** case, the defendant must be released on personal recognizance after being incarcerated for 28 days or more (to answer for the same crime, a crime based on the same conduct, or a crime arising from the same criminal episode). *Id.* Pursuant to MCR 6.004(C)(1)–(6), the following periods of delay must be excluded in computing the 180-day or 28-day periods:

4. The 180-Day Rule for Defendants in Custody of Department of Corrections

Beginning with the first paragraph and continuing through the quoted text of MCR 6.004(D)(2) on page 289, delete the existing text and insert the following:

Except for the crimes exempted by MCL 780.131(2),* MCR 6.004(D)(1) requires a prosecutor to bring an inmate to trial within 180 days after the Department of Corrections notifies the appropriate prosecuting attorney of the inmate's location and requests final disposition of the pending matter. Specifically, MCR 6.004(D)(1) requires that an inmate be brought to trial within 180 days

*As amended, effective January 1, 2006.

*Crimes committed by an inmate during incarceration or during an escape from incarceration.

“after the department of corrections causes to be delivered to the prosecuting attorney of the county in which the warrant, indictment, information, or complaint is pending written notice of the place of imprisonment of the inmate and a request for final disposition of the warrant, indictment, information, or complaint. The request shall be accompanied by a statement setting forth the term of commitment under which the prisoner is being held, the time already served, the time remaining to be served on the sentence, the amount of good time or disciplinary credits earned, the time of parole eligibility of the prisoner, and any decisions of the parole board relating to the prisoner. The written notice and statement shall be delivered by certified mail.”*

*MCR
6.201(D)(1), as
amended,
effective
January 1,
2006.

MCR 6.004(D)(2) specifies the remedy for 180-day rule violations:

“In the event that action is not commenced on the matter for which request for disposition was made as required in subsection (1), no court of this state shall any longer have jurisdiction thereof, nor shall the untried warrant, indictment, information, or complaint be of any further force or effect, and the court shall enter an order dismissing the same with prejudice.”*

*MCR
6.004(D)(2), as
amended,
effective
January 1,
2006.

CHAPTER 7

General Evidence

7.3 Evidence of Other Crimes, Wrongs, or Acts

D. Admissibility of Evidence That Defendant Committed Other “Listed Offenses”

Effective January 1, 2006, 2005 PA 135 added MCL 768.27a, which governs the admissibility of evidence of sexual offenses against minors. On page 342, insert the new subsection (D) as indicated above and insert the following text after the new subsection:

Evidence that a defendant previously committed a “listed offense” against a minor is admissible against that defendant in a subsequent criminal case in which the defendant is accused of committing a “listed offense” against a minor. MCL 768.27a states in part:

“(1) Notwithstanding [MCL 768.]27,* in a criminal case in which the defendant is accused of committing a listed offense against a minor, evidence that the defendant committed another listed offense against a minor is admissible and may be considered for its bearing on any matter to which it is relevant. If the prosecuting attorney intends to offer evidence under this section, the prosecuting attorney shall disclose the evidence to the defendant at least 15 days before the scheduled date of trial or at a later time as allowed by the court for good cause shown, including the statements of witnesses or a summary of the substance of any testimony that is expected to be offered.”

For purposes of MCL 768.27a, a “listed offense” means any of the offenses found in MCL 28.722.*

*Substantially similar to MRE 404(b)(1).

*See Section 11.2(A)(2) for a description of “listed offenses.”

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7.4 Selected Hearsay Rules (and Exceptions)

D. Statements of Existing Mental, Emotional, or Physical Condition—MRE 803(3)

Insert the following text before the June 2004 update to page 346:

In *People v Bauder*, ___ Mich App ___, ___ (2005), the Court of Appeals relied heavily on the reasoning in *People v Ortiz** in affirming the trial court’s admission of evidence under MRE 803(3) where the victim’s statements were “remarkably similar” to those of the victim in *Ortiz*. In *Bauder*, the defendant admitted killing the victim but argued at trial that the murder was not premeditated or deliberate. According to the *Bauder* Court:

“[The victim] had said that she was fearful of defendant, that defendant had threatened to kill her, her son, and her ex-husband, that she was tired of defendant’s incessant demands for all kinds of sex and defendant’s forcing sex if she refused, that she wanted to end her relationship with defendant and reconcile with her ex-husband, that defendant was jealous of her ex-husband, and that defendant stalked and beat her. These statements were evidence of the victim’s state of mind, her fear, her intent to resist sex, and her intent to end her relationship with defendant.

* * *

“The [victim’s statements were] generally admissible under MRE 803(3) to show the victim’s state of mind The evidence was therefore relevant to a motive for murder, and indirectly relevant to defendant’s intent and to whether defendant acted with premeditation and deliberation.” *Bauder, supra* at ___ (footnote omitted).

*249 Mich App
297 (2002).

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7.6 Former Testimony of Unavailable Witness

Insert the following text after the April 2005 update to page 364:

**People v Walker*, 265 Mich App 530 (2005), lv gtd 472 Mich 928 (2005), and *People v Geno*, 261 Mich App 624 (2004).

See also *People v Bauder*, ___ Mich App ___, ___ (2005) (citing *Walker* and *Geno*,* the Court of Appeals held that the victim's statements to friends, co-workers, and defendant's relatives in the weeks before her death were not testimonial statements and their admission did not violate defendant's right to confrontation).

CHAPTER 9

Post-Conviction and Sentencing Matters

9.5 Imposition of Sentence

E. Probation

2. Probationable Offenses; Exceptions

Add the following text before the **Note** on page 459:

Except for the non-probationable offenses in MCL 771.1 and as otherwise provided by law, and subject to the requirements of MCL 771.2a(6)–(11), an individual convicted of a “listed offense” may be placed on probation “for any term of years but not less than 5 years.” MCL 771.2a(5).*

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January 1,
2006. 2005 PA
126. See
Section
11.2(A)(2) for a
description of
“listed
offenses.”

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4. Maximum Duration of Probation For Sex Crimes

Add the following text after the dashed information following the first bullet on page 460:

- Any of the “listed offenses” (except as otherwise provided by law, and subject to the requirements of MCL 771.2a(6)–(11)).*

*Effective January 1, 2006. 2005 PA 126. See Section 11.2(A)(2) for a description of “listed offenses.”

5. Contents of Probation Orders

Add the following information on page 461 before “**Delayed Sentencing**”:

Conditions of probation involving “student safety zones.” Additional conditions of probation must be ordered when an individual is placed on probation under MCL 771.2a(5) after conviction of a “listed offense.”* Subject to the provisions in MCL 771.2a(7)–(11), discussed below, the court must order an individual placed on probation under MCL 771.2a(5) **not** to do any of the following:

- Reside within a student safety zone, MCL 771.2a(6)(a).
- Work within a student safety zone, MCL 771.2a(6)(b).
- Loiter within a student safety zone, MCL 771.2a(6)(c).

*MCL 771.2a(6), effective January 1, 2006. 2005 PA 126. See Section 11.2(A)(2) for a description of “listed offenses.”

A “student safety zone” is defined as the area that lies 1,000 feet or less from school property. MCL 771.2a(12)(f).*

*Effective January 1, 2006. 2005 PA 126.

For purposes of MCL 771.2a, “school” and “school property” are defined in MCL 771.2a(12)* as follows:

*Effective January 1, 2006. 2005 PA 126.

“(d) ‘School’ means a public, private, denominational, or parochial school offering developmental kindergarten, kindergarten, or any grade from 1 through 12. School does not include a home school.

“(e) ‘School property’ means a building, facility, structure, or real property owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by a school, other than a building, facility, structure, or real property that is no longer in use on a permanent or continuous basis, to which either of the following applies:

“(i) It is used to impart educational instruction.

“(ii) It is for use by students not more than 19 years of age for sports or other recreational activities.”

Individuals exempted from probation under MCL 771.2a(5). Even if a person was convicted of a “listed offense,” MCL 771.2a(11)* permits the court to exempt that person from being placed on probation under subsection (5) if either of the following circumstances apply:

“(a) The individual has successfully completed his or her probationary period under [the youthful trainee act] for committing a listed offense and has been discharged from youthful trainee status.

“(b) The individual was convicted of committing or attempting to commit a violation solely described in [MCL 750.520e(1)(a)*], and at the time of the violation was 17 years of age or older but less than 21 years of age and is not more than 5 years older than the victim.”

Exceptions to the mandatory probation conditions concerning “school safety zones.” Under the circumstances described below, the prohibitions found in MCL 771.2a(6)(a)–(c) do not apply to individuals convicted of a “listed offense.”

Residing within a student safety zone. The court shall not prohibit an individual on probation after conviction of a “listed offense” from residing within a student safety zone, MCL 771.2a(6)(a), if any of the following apply:*

“(a) The individual is not more than 19 years of age and attends secondary school or postsecondary school, and resides with his or her parent or guardian. However, an individual described in this subdivision shall be ordered not to initiate or maintain contact with a minor within that student safety zone. The individual shall be permitted to initiate or maintain contact with a minor with whom he or she attends secondary or postsecondary school in conjunction with that school attendance.

“(b) The individual is not more than 26 years of age, attends a special education program, and resides with his or her parent or guardian or in a group home or assisted living facility. However, an individual described in this subdivision shall be ordered not to

*Effective January 1, 2006. 2005 PA 126.

*Fourth-degree CSC where the individual is at least 5 years older than the victim and the victim is at least 13 years of age but less than 16 years of age.

*MCL 771.2a(7)(a)–(c), effective January 1, 2006. 2005 PA 126.

initiate or maintain contact with a minor within that student safety zone. The individual shall be permitted to initiate or maintain contact with a minor with whom he or she attends a special education program in conjunction with that attendance.

“(c) The individual was residing within that student safety zone at the time the amendatory act that added this subdivision was enacted into law. However, if the individual was residing within the student safety zone at the time the amendatory act that added this subdivision was enacted into law, the court shall order the individual not to initiate or maintain contact with any minors within that student safety zone. This subdivision does not prohibit the court from allowing contact with any minors named in the probation order for good cause shown and as specified in the probation order.”

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2006. 2005 PA
126.

In addition to above exceptions, the prohibition against residing in a student safety zone, MCL 771.2a(6)(a), does not prohibit a person on probation after conviction of a “listed offense” from “being a patient in a hospital or hospice that is located within a student safety zone.” MCL 771.2a(8).^{*} The hospital exception does not apply to a person who initiates or maintains contact with a minor in that student safety zone. *Id.*

*Effective
January 1,
2006. 2005 PA
126.

Working within a student safety zone. If a person on probation under MCL 771.2a(5) was working within a student safety zone at the time the amendatory act adding these prohibitions was enacted into law, he or she cannot be prohibited from working in that student safety zone, MCL 771.2a(6)(b). MCL 771.2a(9).^{*} If a person was working within a student safety zone at the time of this amendatory act, “the court shall order the individual not to initiate or maintain contact with any minors in the course of his or her employment within that safety zone.” *Id.* As with MCL 771.2a(7)(c), for good cause shown, a court is not prohibited by MCL 771.2a(9) from allowing the probationer contact with any minors named in the probation order and as specified in the probation order. MCL 771.2a(9).

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126.

If an individual on probation under MCL 771.2a(5) only intermittently or sporadically enters a student safety zone for work purposes, the court shall not impose the condition in MCL 771.2a(6)(b) that would prohibit the person from working in a student safety zone. MCL 771.2a(10).^{*} Even when a person intermittently or sporadically works within a student safety zone, he or she shall be ordered “not to initiate or maintain contact with any minors in the course of his or her employment within that safety zone.” *Id.* For good cause shown and as specified in the probation order, the court may allow the person contact with any minors named in the order. *Id.*

CHAPTER 11

Sex Offender Identification and Profiling Systems

11.2 Sex Offenders Registration Act

C. Post-Registration Change of Status

1. In-State Changes

Effective January 1, 2006, 2005 PA 123 amended MCL 28.725(1)(a) to also require an individual to make the necessary notifications within 10 days of *vacating* his or her residence. Replace the first bullet on the top of page 519 with the following text:

- ♦ The individual changes or vacates his or her residence, domicile, or place of work or education.*

*MCL
28.725(1)(a), as
amended.
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L. Registration Violation Enforcement; Venue and Penalties*

2. Penalties

Effective January 1, 2006, MCL 28.729 was amended to provide specific penalties based on the number of times an individual violates MCL 28.725a, other than failure to pay the fee required by section 5a(7). 2005 PA 132. Replace the first paragraph of the October 2004 update to page 528 with the following text:

♦ Failure to Comply with Yearly or Quarterly Verification

An individual with no prior convictions for a violation of SORA who fails to comply with the requirements of MCL 28.725a, except for a failure to pay the fee required in MCL 28.725a(7), is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a maximum fine of \$1,000.00 or both. MCL 28.729(2)(a).

An individual having one prior conviction for a violation of SORA who fails to comply with the requirements of MCL 28.725a, except for a failure to pay the fee required in MCL 28.725a(7), is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than one year or a maximum fine of \$2,000.00 or both. MCL 28.729(2)(b).

An individual having two or more prior convictions for a violation of SORA who fails to comply with the requirements of MCL 28.725a, except for a failure to pay the fee required in MCL 28.725a(7), is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than four years or a maximum fine of \$2,500.00 or both. MCL 28.729(2)(c).

*Formerly subsection (K). Relettered after the addition of new subsection (I) in the October 2004 update to page 526.

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N. Student Safety Zones

Effective January 1, 2006, 2005 PA 121 and 127 added new provisions to the Sex Offenders Registration Act (SORA). The new provisions divide the SORA into three articles, add a new article criminalizing a registrant's residing, loitering, or working in a "student safety zone," and establish penalties for violations of the new prohibitions. On page 531, immediately before Section 11.3, insert new subsection (N) as indicated above and insert the following text:

Prohibitions on residing, working, or loitering in a "student safety zone."

Except as explained below, an individual required to be registered under SORA shall not reside, work, or loiter within a "student safety zone." MCL 28.734(1)(a)-(b) and MCL 28.735(1). A "student safety zone" is "the area that lies 1,000 feet or less from school property." MCL 28.733(f). MCL 28.733 also contains definitions of "loiter," "school," and "school property." See MCL 28.733(b), (d), and (e). A first violation of MCL 28.734(1) or MCL 28.735(1) is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than one year or a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, or both. A second or subsequent violation is deemed a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than two years or a fine of not more than \$2,000.00, or both. MCL 28.734(2) and MCL 28.735(2). An individual may be charged with, convicted of, and punished for a violation of MCL 28.734 or 28.735 and any other violation committed by the individual while violating MCL 28.734 or 28.735.

An individual who resides in a student safety zone must change his or her residence to a location outside the student safety zone within 90 days after he or she is sentenced for a conviction that requires registration. However, the individual must not initiate or maintain contact with a minor within that student safety zone during this 90-day period. MCL 28.735(4).

Exemptions from criminal prohibitions. The offenders described below are exempt from the criminal prohibitions on residing or working within a student safety zone. These exemptions are contained in MCL 28.734(3), MCL 28.735(3), and MCL 28.736. However, offenders required to register under SORA must not loiter in a student safety zone, and even if the offender falls under one of the exemptions listed below, he or she must not initiate or maintain contact with a minor in a student safety zone except as noted below. MCL 28.734(3) and MCL 28.735(3).

The following are exempted from the prohibitions:

- ♦ An offender who is not more than 19 years old, attends secondary or postsecondary school, and resides with his or her parent or guardian. The offender may initiate or maintain contact with a minor with whom he or she attends school in conjunction with that attendance. MCL 28.735(3)(a).
- ♦ An offender who is not more than 26 years old, attends a special education program, and resides with his or her parent or guardian or in a group home or assisted living facility. The offender may initiate or maintain contact with a minor with whom he or she attends a special education program in conjunction with that attendance. MCL 28.735(3)(b).
- ♦ An offender who was residing within a student safety zone on January 1, 2006. MCL 28.735(3)(c).
- ♦ An offender who is a patient in a hospital or hospice located in a student safety zone. MCL 28.735(3)(d).
- ♦ An offender who resides in a prison, jail, juvenile facility, or other correctional facility within a student safety zone or who is a patient in a mental health facility under a commitment order. MCL 28.735(3)(e).
- ♦ An offender who was working in a student safety zone on January 1, 2006. MCL 28.734(3)(a).
- ♦ An offender whose place of employment is within a student safety zone because a school is established or relocates there. MCL 28.734(3)(b).
- ♦ An offender who only intermittently or sporadically enters a student safety zone for purposes of work. MCL 28.734(3)(c).
- ♦ An offender “convicted” of not more than one of the following offenses:
 - An individual convicted as a juvenile of committing, attempting to commit, or conspiring to commit a violation of MCL 750.520b(1)(a), MCL 750.520c(1)(a), or MCL 750.520d(1)(a) if either of the following applies:
 - the individual was under 13 years of age when he or she committed the offense and is not more than five years older than the victim; or
 - the individual was 13 years of age or older but less than 17 years of age when he or she committed the offense and is not more than three years older than the victim. MCL 28.736(1)(a).

*Note that all but the last of these offenses make an offender eligible to petition for exemption from registration under SORA. See the October 2004 update to Section 11.2 that added a new subsection (I).

- An individual who is charged with committing, attempting to commit, or conspiring to commit a violation of MCL 750.520b(1)(a), MCL 750.520c(1)(a), or MCL 750.520d(1)(a) and is convicted as a juvenile of violating, attempting to violate, or conspiring to violate MCL 750.520e or MCL 750.520g if either of the following applies:
 - the individual was under 13 years of age when he or she committed the offense and is not more than five years older than the victim; or
 - the individual was 13 years of age or older but less than 17 years of age when he or she committed the offense and is not more than three years older than the victim. MCL 28.736(1)(b).
- An individual who has successfully completed his or her probationary period under the Holmes Youthful Trainee Act, MCL 762.11-762.15, for committing a listed offense and has been discharged from youthful trainee status. MCL 28.736(1)(c).
- An individual convicted of committing or attempting to commit a violation of MCL 750.520e(1)(a) who at the time of the violation was 17 years of age or older but less than 21 years of age and is not more than five years older than the victim.

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CHAPTER 1

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Part B—The Citation

1.5 Traffic Citations

Effective January 1, 2006, MCR 4.101(A)(3), which prohibited use of a single citation to allege a misdemeanor and a civil infraction, was eliminated. Near the top of page 7, delete the two lines of text immediately before the last paragraph.

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1.5 Traffic Citations

B. Signed Under Oath

Effective January 1, 2006, dismissal of an unsigned citation is discretionary rather than mandatory. Near the middle of page 9, replace the third sentence in the second full paragraph with the following language:

If the citation is not signed and filed on paper when required by the court, the citation may be dismissed with prejudice. MCR 4.101(F)(1).*

*Formerly
MCR
4.101(E)(1).
Some subrules
were relettered
as a result of
amendments
effective
January 1,
2006.

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Part B—The Citation

1.6 Issuing and Filing the Citation

B. Serving and Filing the Citation

Separate amendments to MCR 4.101(A) added a provision that specifies the individuals who are permitted to amend a violation alleged on a citation. Insert the following text after the first full paragraph on page 11:

“A violation alleged on a citation may not be amended except by the prosecuting official or a police officer for the plaintiff.” MCR 4.101(A)(2).*

*Effective
January 1,
2006.

CHAPTER 1

Required Procedures for Civil Infractions

Part D—Informal Hearings

1.14 The Informal Hearing

A. Failure of Officer to Appear

Effective January 1, 2006, MCR 4.101 was amended to address a police officer's obligation to appear at informal hearings. At the bottom of page 18, replace the text in this subsection with the following language:

A police officer is required to appear at an informal hearing requested by a defendant to whom the officer issued a citation. MCR 4.101(C)(2). Unless an officer's absence is excepted as provided by the rule, the court must dismiss without prejudice any case at which the issuing officer fails to appear. *Id.* In its entirety, MCR 4.101(C) states:

“(C) Appearance by Police Officer at Informal Hearing.

“(1) If a defendant requests an informal hearing, the court shall schedule an informal hearing and notify the police officer who issued the citation to appear at the informal hearing.

“(2) The attendance of the officer at the hearing may not be waived.

“Except when the court is notified before the commencement of a hearing of an emergency preventing an on-duty officer from appearing, failure of the police officer to appear as required by this rule shall result in a dismissal of the case without prejudice.” MCR 4.101(C)(1)–(2).

CHAPTER 3

Misdemeanor Traffic Offenses

Part A—Introduction

3.6 Minimum State Costs for Misdemeanor Traffic Offenses

Effective January 1, 2006, 2005 PA 184 added several offenses to the list of “serious misdemeanors” in MCL 780.811(a). Near the top of page 100, replace the first two sentences of the second full paragraph with the following language:

“**Serious misdemeanors**” are listed in MCL 780.811(1)(a)(i)–(xix). There are two “serious misdemeanors” discussed in this chapter: (1) leaving the scene of a personal-injury accident, MCL 257.617a; and (2) injuring a worker in a work zone, MCL 257.601b(2).*

*See Sections 3.15 and 3.47, respectively.

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CHAPTER 2

Procedures in Drunk Driving and DWLS Cases

2.6 Arraignment/Pretrial Procedures

E. Guilty and Nolo Contendere Pleas

2. Use of Uncounselled Conviction to Enhance Subsequent Charge or Sentence

Effective January 1, 2006, parts of MCR 6.610 relevant to the discussion in this sub-subsection were amended. After the first paragraph on page 57, replace the quoted text of MCR 6.610(E)(2) with the following:

“The court shall inform the defendant of the right to the assistance of an attorney. If the offense charged requires on conviction a minimum term in jail, the court shall inform the defendant that if the defendant is indigent the defendant has the right to an appointed attorney. The court shall also give such advice if it determines that it might sentence to a term of incarceration, even if suspended.” MCR 6.610(E)(2).

“Unless a defendant who is entitled to appointed counsel is represented by an attorney or has waived the right to an attorney, a subsequent charge or sentence may not be enhanced because of this conviction and the defendant may not be incarcerated for violating probation or any other condition imposed in connection with this conviction.” MCR 6.610(F)(2).

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F. Discovery

1. Mandatory Discovery

Effective January 1, 2006, amendments were made to the discovery provisions in MCR 6.201. At the top of page 64, replace the quoted text of MCR 6.201(A)(1)–(6) with the following:

- ♦ The names and addresses of all lay and expert witnesses that may be called at trial, or in the alternative, a party may disclose the name of the witness and make the person available for interview by the opposing party. MCR 6.201(A)(1). The witness list may be amended without leave of the court up to 28 days before trial. *Id.*
- ♦ Any written or recorded statement concerning the case made by a lay witness who may be called at trial, except that a defendant is not required to disclose his or her own statement. MCR 6.201(A)(2).
- ♦ The curriculum vitae of an expert witness who may be called at trial, and either a report by that expert or a written description of the substance of that expert's proposed testimony, the expert's opinion, and the information on which the expert's opinion is based. MCR 6.201(A)(3).
- ♦ Any criminal record that may be used at trial to impeach a witness. MCR 6.201(A)(4).
- ♦ For any witness who may be called at trial, a list or description of criminal convictions known to the defense attorney or the prosecuting attorney concerning that witness. MCR 6.201(A)(5).
- ♦ A description of and an opportunity to inspect any tangible physical evidence, including any document, photograph, or other paper, that may be introduced at trial. MCR 6.201(A)(6). On request, a party must provide copies of any document, photograph, or other paper. *Id.* The party required to provide those copies may request a hearing on any question of the costs of reproduction. *Id.* For good cause, a party may be given the opportunity to test, without destruction, any tangible physical evidence. *Id.*

Effective January 1, 2006, MCR 6.201(B)(2) and (3) were also amended. Replace the last two quoted paragraphs near the bottom of page 64 with the following text:

“(2) any police report and interrogation records concerning the case, except so much of a report as concerns a continuing investigation;

“(3) any written or recorded statements by a defendant, codefendant, or accomplice pertaining to the case, even if that person is not a prospective witness at trial;”